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CALIFORNIA STATE FUGITIVE DUBBED "THE GRANDPA BANK ROBBER" **CHARGED WITH SERIAL BANK ROBBERY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three count Indictment against WILLIAM MICHAEL LEVIN, 58, of Sacramento, in connection with a string of bank robberies in the city of Sacramento.

The case is being investigated by the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. During the early stages of the investigation, the task force dubbed the perpetrator "the grandpa bank robber" because surveillance photos depicted the robber to be of an age between late 50s to early 60s.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, LEVIN was arrested after the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force investigation uncovered information regarding the grandpa bank robber's modus operandi and linking LEVIN to the getaway vehicle. The indictment charges that LEVIN robbed the following banks: (1) on June 5, 2007, the U.S. Bank located at 1444 Ethan Way, Sacramento; (2) on July 25, 2007, the Bank of the West located at 2581 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento; and (3) on July 31, 2007, the Guaranty Bank located at 2277 Watt Avenue, Sacramento. At the time of the robberies, LEVIN was wanted by state authorities for felony probation violation.

LEVIN is currently in federal custody on these bank robbery charges. LEVIN faces up to 60 years in federal prison. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. LEVIN will be arraigned on the indictment at 2:00 pm on August 31, 2007.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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